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AUCTION SALES. THIS AFTERNOON.

THOS. J. OWEN & SON, AUCTIONEERS. TRUSTEEN' SALE OF TWO-STORY BRICK RESIDENCE, NO. 328 ELM STREET NORTHWEST.
By virtue of two certain deeds of trust duly recorded in Liber 2818, folios 162 et seq. and 165 et
seq., one of the land records of the District of
Columbia, and at the request of the parties secured
thereby, the undersigned trustees will sell at public suction. In front of the premises, on WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1908, AT FOUR-FIFTEEN O'CLOCK
P.M., the following described land and premises,
situate in the County of Washington, District of
Columbia, known and distinguished as lot numbered thirty-five (35) in Philip T. Dodge and
Charles E. Banes' subdivision of certain lots in
block numbered eight (8) in "Le Droit Park," as
per plat recorded in county book 8, folio 34, of the
records of the office of the surveyor of the District
of Columbia, together with the improvements
thereon.

Therms: One fourth of the purchase maney to be

thereon.

Terms: One-fourth of the purchase money to be paid in cash, the balance in three equal payments in one, two and three years, with interest at 6 per cent, to be represented by the notes of the purchaser and secured by deed of trust on the property. A deposit of \$100 required at time of sale. Convevancing at cost of purchaser. Terms to be complied with within fifteen days, otherwise the trustees will resell the property at the risk and cost of defaulting purchaser. cost of defaulting purchaser.

BENJAMIN F. LEIGHTON,
RICHARD E. PAIRO.

TOMORROW.

MARCUS NOTES, Auct.

Regular Sale of HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS

Tomorrow, Thursday, December 28. at 10 a.m.

Elegant Piano, Brass and Enameled Beds, Fine Walnut Bed Room Suites, Mattresses, Odd Dressers and Washstands, Bookcase, Wardrobes, Parlor Furniture in suites and separate pieces, Couches, Extension Tables, Rockers, Mission Furniture, Organ, quantity of Bedding and other goods. 1t

J. G. SINCLAIR, Auct. SALE TOMORROW, TEN A.M., consisting of bice lot of Household Furniture, good as new; Show Cases, Dining noom Tables, Bed Room Suttes, Parlor Sets, China and Glassware. Consignments received up to hour of sale.

S. BENSI GER, Washington Horse & Carriage Bazaar.

940 La. Ave. Regular sale of Horses and Vehicles TOMORROW (Thursday), AT TEN A.M. 35 Good, Serviceable Horses, 10 Second-hand Carriages.

de27-w,f&m-20 S. BENSINGER, Auctioneer. BROWN & TOLSON, AUCTS., 1409 H ST. N.W.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE, IMPROVED BY FRAME HOUSE NO. 1315 6TH STREET NORTHWEST.

By virtue of a decree of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, passed in Equity Cause No. 25654, wherein John Ossinger is complainant and Heury Ossinger and others are defendants, I, the undersigned trustee, appointed by said decree, will offer for sale, at public auction, in front of the premises, on THURSDAY, THE TWENTY.

EIGHTH DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D. 1905, AT HALF-PAST FOUR O'CLOCK P.M., the following described real estate, to wit: Parts original lots numbered three (3) and four (4), in square numbered four hundred and cighty (480), the same being the north six (6) feet front on 6th street of said original lot four (4), the said parcels of ground being contiguous and fronting together twenty-six (26) feet on said 6th street and extending back with that four (4), the said parcels of ground being contiguous and fronting together twenty-six (26) feet on said 6th street and extending back with that width to the alley in the rear of said lots, together with the improvements, rights, etc.

Terms of saie: One-third of the purchase money to be paid in cash, and the balance in two equal installments, payable in one and two years from the day of sale, and to be represented by the promissory notes of the purchaser, hearing interest at the rate of 6 per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, and secured by deed of trust on the property sold, or all cash, at the option of the purchaser. A deposit of one hundred dollars will be required of the parchaser at the time the property is knocked down. All conveyancing, recording and notarial fees at the cost of the purchaser. Terms of saie to be compiled with within fifteen days from the day of sale, otherwise the trustee reserves the right to reself the property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, after five days advertisement of such resale in The Evening Star, a newspaper published in the city of Washington, D. C.

JOSEPH N. SAUNDERS, Trustee, del5-d&ds.ede25

BROWN & TOLSON, AUCTIONEERS, 1409 H st. n.w.

BANKRUPTCY SALE OF STOCK, STATIONERY, BLANK BOOKS, ETC., AND FIXTURES OF FREDERIC B. NICHOLS, TRADING AS FRED. B. NICHOLS AND COMPANY, FRED. B. NICHOLS AND COMPANY.
The undersigned trustee of the the estate of
Frederic B. Nichols, trading as Fred. B. Nichols
and Company, bankrupt, will sell the entire stock
in trade of said bankrupt (except exemptions), consisting of an assortment of blank books, writing
paper, envelopes, inks, files and stationery, and
stationery supplies of all kinds, horse, wagon, safe,
shelving and other movable fixtures, used in connection with the business formerly conducted by
said bankrupt, at public auction, at No. 913 E
street northwest, the place of business of the said
bankrupt, on THURSDAY, THE TWENTY-EIGHTH
DAY OF DECEMBER, A. D. 1905, AT TEN
O'CLOCK A.M.

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The assets will be first offered in entirety, but the trustee reserves the right to decline the highest bid if the price appears to him to be inadequate. If sale is not made as a whole, the stock and fixtures will be immediately offered for sale at suction in detail, the sale to continue until the entire stock is disposed of.

Terms: All cash. Terms: All cash.

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Before the property is offered for sale the exemptions to which the bankrupt is entitled according to law will be set off and not sold by the ndersigned trustee.
CHARLES H. BAUMAN, Trustee,
323 John Marshall place.
de16,19,21,23,25,26,27

FUTURE DAYS.

C. G. SLOAN & CO., AUCTIONEERS, 1407 G.

TRUSTEES' SALE OF VERY VALUABLE MODERN RESIDENCES IN THE BEST SECTION OF WASHINGTON HEIGHTS. BEING PREMISES NOS. 2107, 2109 AND 2111 19TH ST. N.W. EXTENDED, AND NOS. 1803, 1805, 1807, 1869, 1871, 1873 AND 1875 V ST. NORTH, FORMERLY CALIFORNIA AVENUE.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority imposed by a certain deed of trust, bearing date the 20th day of May A. D. 1904, and recorded on the 26th day of May, A. D. 1904, in Liber No. 2814, at folio 222 et seq., of the land records of the Disrict of Columbia, default having been made in the payment of interest on the debt secured by said deed of trust, the undersigned will offer for sale at public auction in front of the property on WEDNESDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF JANUARY, A. D. 1906, AT THERE O'CLOCK P.M., the following described real estate, with the improvements, easements, rights, ways and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate and lying in the said District of Columbia, namely: Lois numbered fifty-one (51) to sixty (60), both inclusive, in W. P. Kellogg's subdivision of lots in block numbered four (4). "Washington Heights," as per plat recorded in Liber County No. 17, folio 186, of the records of the office of the surveyor of the District of Columbia, with a perpetual right of way for alley purposes over the following described parts of said lots fifty-four (54), fifty-five (55), fifty-six (56) and fifty-inle (59), viz: Beginning for the same at the northeast corner of said lot sixty (60), and running thence west along the north line of said lot sixty feet to the southeast corner of said lot fifty-inle (59), thence south thirty-four (34) feet to the southeast corner of said lot fifty-inle (59), thence west along the north line of said lots fifty-four (54) and fifty-inle (55), thence south on the east line of said lot fifty-five (55) thereone (31) feet one and one-half (1½) inches to the northwest corner of said lot fifty-five (55), thence south on the east line of said lot fifty-four (54), and thence north along C. G. SLOAN & CO., AUCTIONEERS, 1407 G. TRUSTEES' SALE OF VERY VALUABLE MOD

Terms of sale: Each house will be offered for sale separately. A deposit of \$200 per house must be made with the trustee at the time of sale, subject to forfeiture if the terms of sale be not complied with, and the balance of the purchase price for each house shall be all cash, at purchaser's option, or one-third cash and the balance in equal portions in notes of the purchaser, payable in one and two years from the date of the sale, with interest thereon from their date until paid, at the rate of five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and secured by deed of trust on the property sold. All conveyancing and recording at the expense of the purchaser.

Terms of sale must be complied with within fifteen days from the date of sale or the property will be resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, after five days' readvertisement in some newspaper published in Washington, D. C. UNION TRUST COMPANY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, FORMERLY THE UNION TRUST AND STORAGE COMPANY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, FORMERLY THE UNION TRUST AND STORAGE COMPANY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, FORMERLY THE UNION TRUST AND STORAGE COMPANY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TRUSTELLWAGEN, President, 1414 F st. n.w.

AUCTION SALES.

FUTURE DAYS. JAMES W. RATCLIFFE, AUCTIONEER.

TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE LAND, BEENG
ONE THIRD UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN LOT
21, CONTAINING TEN ACRES OF LAND,
MORE OR LESS. ALSO PART OF LOT 16,
WITH IMPROVEMENTS, SITUATE SEAT
PLEASANT, IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD.
By virtue of a deed of trust, duly recorded in

PLEASANT, IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD.

By virtue of a deed of trust, duly recorded in Liber No. 12, folio 123 et seq., of the land records for the Prince George's county, Maryland, and at the request of the holder of the notes, we will sell, at public auction, within the auction rooms of James W. Ratcliffe, 920 Pa. ave., n.w., Washington, D. C., on THURSDAY, JANUARY FOURTH, A. D. 1906, AT THREE O'CLOCK P.M., the following described real estate in Prince George's county, Maryland:

One third undivided interest in lot numbered twenty-one (21) in a subdivision of a part of "Seat Pleasant," the said lot containing ten acres of land, more or less. Also part of lot No. 16, "Seat Pleasant," Farm. Beginning for the same at a stake the S.W. corner of lot 16 and running N. 30° 50° E. 441.5 ft. to intersect the west right of way line of the Chesapeake Beach railway, and with the same S. 38° 37′ E. 445.4 feet to the S.B. line of lot 16, and with the same S. 59° 04′ W. 60.5 ft. to the place of beginning, containing 13,305 square feet of land.

Terms of sale: One-third cash, balance in two equal installments, at one and two years, with interest at 6 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, from day of sale, and secured by a deed of trust on the property sold; or all cash, at the option of the purchaser. A deposit of \$200 will be required at time of sale. All conveyancing, recording, etc., at cost of purchaser. Terms of sale to be complied with within fifteen days from day of sale, otherwise the trustees reserve the right to resell the property at the risk and cost of defaulting purchaser, after five days' advertisement of such resale in some newspaper published in Washington, D. C.

DAVID WARNER, Trustee.

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HENRY JOHNSON, Trustee.
J. J. WILMARTH, Attorney for Holder Notes.
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TAYLOR'S ACTION RESENTED.

Snub for an Officer Who Humiliated a Private

First Lieutenant Roy I. Taylor of the 125th Company, Coast Artillery, who is to be tried by court-martial in New York this morning, did not visit the Officers' Club on Governor's Island yesterday, though it is the custom of officers from a distance, charged with minor offenses, to make their headquarters at the club previous to their appearance before the court-martial. Tayfor proved the exception to the rule.

The story among the non-commissioned officers is that word was sent to the lieutenant that his presence would not be welwould be as well for him to spend the night before the trial on Manhattan Island. No commissioned officer on Governor's Island would admit yesterday that Taylor had been invited to stay away, but one non-commissioned officer, whose name cannot be used because it would mean his reluction to the ranks, told this story:

"I don't like to be a tell-tale, but this is no German army, and the press has the right to know the truth. When the officers were gathered in their club I happened to hear them say that it would be well to notify the lieutenant that his company was not wanted on the island. I've seen many a lieutenant here as their guest when he was charged with some minor offense, like forgetting to pay his debts, or getting in a fight. They did their best to make him for-

get that he was under charges.
"When this recent case came up they were of different mind. I'm not going to give the name of the officer who spoke what every other man of 'em was thinking. He and I were in the trenches to-gether in the Philippines. We were only few, and in a tight place.
"Well, to make a long story short, this

officer swore to the other officers that he would as lief sit by me in a theater, if I was sober, as with any officer of his com-'Why,' says he, 'we fought together we are together in the trenches, we bathed together in the rivers, and had to scamper out when the sharpshooters got at us. He was the tender nurse of my baby girl on a transport. If it were not for discipline, I'd invite him in here now for a drink."

First Lieutenant Roy L. Taylor is a graduate of the Michigan Military Academy and a veteran of the Spanish-American war. At the conclusion of the war he was commissioned a second lieutenant of artil-

lery, and later got a first lieutenancy The charge against him is that he humiliated a private soldier in a New London theater. It is alleged that, finding his seat next to the private, he ordered him to move and get another seat. This the private refused to do, and, according to testimony which will be offered against the officer today, he went to the box office and obtained another seat. The charges against the lieutenant are brought by his captain, R. W. McMasters.

TABLETS OF TEA.

Latent Experiment of the Agricultural Department.

The latest novel experiment to be made by the Department of Agriculture is that of compressing tea into tablets, one of which will make a delicious cup of tea. As a result, what would ordinarily make a big package of tea can by this new and unique method be placed in a space about the size of a safety match box. The tea is grown at the department's experimental tea gardens at Summerville, S. C.

The department has been engaged in this experiment for some time, and last week a large box of sample packages of tea tablets was received by Dr. Galloway, director of the bureau of plant industry, for inspection. Each little box of compressed tea contains twenty tablets about the size of a penny, but about twice as thick. They are dark green. Dr. Galloway states that by those who have tried the tablets The tablets are said to contain no adulterant. It is explained that the taste of the tea is in no way bettered by the form of tab-lets, but the chief value lies in the fact that it is compressed and takes up less

It has been the object of the department for some time to find means of providing food for the army and navy, which could be prepared in such a way as to save space, but so far all attempts have proved unsatisfactory. It is now believed by the officials of the department that these tablets will fill not only government require-ments, but those of general merchandise and family use.

Along the River Front.

The rebuilding of the hull of the sand and gravel-digging machine belonging to the National Sand Company at Dean's boatyard, at Alexandria, is about completed and the house is now being placed on the vessel. In a few days she will be brought up to this city and taken to the plant of the company, on the Eastern branch, where her machinery will be installed. This machine was the one burned on the Eastern branch several weeks ago while employed in digging out one of the coffeedams of the Anacostia bridge. The machine will be ready for service long before the next digging season opens.

Arrived: Schooner Henry R. Travers umber, from the Rappahannock river for Baltimore parties; pungy Shining Light, oysters, from Potomac beds; tug Dixle, towing three laden barges, one for Alexan dria and the others for Georgetown; sloop W. H. Mills, with lumber, from Maddox creek for Baltimore dealers. Sailed: Etta, Goldie C., Edna and Nellie

and American Eagle for Potomac oyster beds in tow of tug William H. Yerkes, jr.; tug Dixie, towing three light coal barges, for lumber ports to load for Philadelphia; schooner A. H. Quinby and schooner John McGinniss for Virginia lumber ports to load back to this city; schooner Belmont and scows Sea King and Bush to Potomac river points to load cord wood for this

Memoranda: Tug W. H. Yerkes will sall for Norfolk to bring back the lumber-laden barge John Quinton, consigned to Washington dealers; steam barge Louise, bound to this city with a cargo of lumber from he Rappahannock river, is reported in the

the Rappahannock river, is reported in the Potomac bound up.

The tug D. M. Key, which was hauled out on the marine railway at Alexandria yesterday, to be fitted with a new wheel, was put overboard yesterday afternoon and returned to this city towing the launch Edward. She resumed general service on the river this morning. river this morning. The big seagoing barge Isabelle has been berthed at the Alexandria shipyard and will there load a large cargo of railway ties for the Philadelphia market. The barge, it is stated, will take away about 20,000 ties.

Alex Sparks, a negro hackman, narrowly escaped lynching at the hands of a party of infuriated white men at Tampa, Fla., yes-Gafford, a white driver of a furniture wagon, over the head with a heavy iron rod. inflicting what may prove a fatal wound.

The War Department is informed that the transport Logan has arrived at Manila with troops and supplies from San Francisco.

Proposed Association of Inspectors of Plumbing.

FIRST MEETING HERE

TO PROMOTE INSPECTION AND UNIFORM PRACTICE.

Establishment of Standard and Uni formity in Manufacture of Fixtures-Chiefs to Confer.

Arrangements have practically been com pleted for the first meeting of the proposed National Association of Chief Inspectors of Plumbing, which is to be held in this city a month hence. It has not yet been finally determined where the meetings will be held, but it is thought the parlors of the Willard Hotel will be chosen for the purpose. The convention will last three days, January 29, 30 and 31, during which time it is certain that a permanent organization of this new national body will be effected.

The idea of forming such an organizat on as a National Association of Chief Inspectors of Plumbing, found its inception with H. B. Davis, inspector of plumbing for the District of Columbia, and early in the past summer he took steps toward bringing together officials holding sim lar positions in all of the principal cities and towns in this country, Canada and Cuba. To this end he issued a circular letter in the course of which he said:

"In order to advance plumbing construc-tion and to bring about a more uniform practice in the requirements of plumbing regulations in various cit es throughout the country, I am trying to start a national as-sociation of superintendents of plumbing and sanitary engineers. Such an associa-tion, I am sure, would be of mutual ad-vantage to all inspectors of plumbing be-cause it would naturally tend to keep them well informed through the medium of personal communications between members and through the reading of scientific papers by its members before the association. There is no reason why a national association on these lines should not go far toward establishing a standard and uniformity in the manufacture of plumbing fixtures, and also establish a standard of tests for such fixtures.

Co-Operation Promised. Copies of this letter were mailed to plumbing inspectors throughout the country, and there were soon many replies promising Mr. Davis hearty co-operation in his effort. It was explained that the purpose in view was to form a national association similar to the state associations of Illinois and Massachusetts, which, it was declared, have already been of incalculable benefit to municipalities in those states.

Some time later Mr. Davis sent out another circular letter telling of the success. Some time later Mr. Davis sent out another circular letter, telling of the success which seemed to be assured for the proposed organization, and announcing that he would issue a call for the first meeting to be held in Washington during the winter season, when the official duties of inspectors of plumbing were least pressing. Not long ago a third letter was issued stating that the meeting would be held during the three last days of January, and already replies have been received from many officials who will attend. Others, who find it impossible to promise attendance, have authorized the enrollment of their names as members, and still others, now names as members, and still others, now classed as "doubtful," are holding their final replies until nearer the date of the meeting before deciding whether they can be present. The name "National Asso-ciation of Chief Inspectors of Plumbing," of course, has not yet been chosen for the organization, nor will the style of the as-sociation be determined until after the initial session in this city next month.

Signify Acceptance. Among the officials who have assured Mr. Davis that they will be present at the meeting are: Isaac R. Carver, chief inspector of plumbing, and his assistant, I. J. Lawler of Pittsburg, Pa.; W. H. McDonald, inspector of plumbing, Paterson, N. J.; George Rommel, jr., engineer in charge of sewers and Edward F. Kane, plumbing inspector, Wilmington, Del.; F. W. Campos, chief inspector of plumbing, Savannah, Ga.; E. A. Fisher, city engineer, Buffalo, N. Y.; Albert L. Webster, civil engineer, William J. Dolan and Daniel S. Mahoney, sanitary engineers, bureau of buildings, and W. H. Dewar, sanitary engineer, board of education, New York city; F. Drumond, chief inspector of plumbing, Rochester, N. Y.: John Quinn, supervisor of plumbing, and H. M. Fardwell, sewer commissioner, St. Louis, Mo.; Perry L. Hedrick, chief sani-tary inspector, and Charles B. Ball (formerly plumbing inspector of this city) of the Museum of Hygiene, Chicago, Ill., Frank W. O'Nell, inspector of plumbing

Joliet, Ill.; John Webb, inspector of plumbing, Salisbury, N. C.; W. M. Weatherby, sewer and plumbing inspector, Greensboro, N. C.; W. H. Mitchell, inspector of plumbing, Baltimore, Md.; A. W. Edens, inspector of sewers and plumbing, Columbia, S. C. and J. S. Cassidy, inspector of plumbing Woburn, Mass. Representatives of trade publications who will be present include nal, New York; Associate Editor H. T

Saerriff of Domestic Engineering, Chicago, and Associate Editor Chew of the Metal Enrollment of Members. Those who have authorized the enroll-

ment of their names as members, whether they attend the meeting or not, are: Fred W. Hering, associate plumbing inspector, Jersey City, N. J.; J. H. G. Beach, inspector of plumbing, Atlanta, Ga.; G. W. Hubbard, superintendent of the water works. Elberton, Ga.; Fmil Kuichling, civil en-gineer, New York; George W. A. Butler, inspector of plumbing, Erie, Pa.: James A. Campbell, inspector of plumbing, Elmira, N. Y.; John Elden, jr., sanitary in-spector, Evanston, Ill.; J. R. Ellfott, plumbing inspector, Walkerville, Ontario, Can-ada; Herbert F. Shade, inspector of plumbing and sewerage Victoria, British Colum bia; J. J. O'Neil, chief plumbing inspector, Cleveland, Ohio; W. B. Gerrish, inspector of plumbing, Oberlin, Ohio; John Maitland, inspector of plumbing and sewers, Lorain, Ohio; E. A. Chaney, inspector of plumbing, Topeka, Kans.; William C. Hassler, chief sanitary inspector, San Francisco, Cal.; Pompey Sariot, sanitary inspector, Camaguey, Cuba; Martin J. Conroy, plumbing inspector, St. Paul, Minn.; F. W. Fowers, inspector of plumbing, Springfield, Mass.; W. A. Wheaton, superintendent of plumbing Roston Mass. P. E. Lyav, inspector. w. A. Wheaton, superintendent of plumbing, Doston. Mass.; R. E. Ivey, inspector of plumbing, Danville, Va.; J. J. O'Donnell, inspector of plumbing, Newport News, Va.; J. T. Fox, inspector of plumbing, Nashville, Tenn.; W. F. Davis, plumbing inspector, De. ver, Col.; W. J. Leaker, Salt Lake City, Utah; A. J. Klernan, inspector of plumbing. of plumbing, Fernandina, Fla.; Francis H. Wright, city engineer and chief inspector of plumbing, Helena, Ark.; A. C. Shaver, inspector of plumbing and buildings, Pasa-In all it is assured that there will be at

least twenty-three delegates present at the meeting, while twenty-six others will have their names enrolled as members. Death of Capt. Thomas H. Wilson. The military secretary of the army has been informed of the death on Monday at

Fort Logan, Colorado, of Capt. Thomas H. Wilson, 2d Infantry, due to an attack of acute croupous pneumonia. Capt. Wilson served as private, corporal and sergeant of Troop K, 4th Cavalry, from September of Troop K, 4th Cavalry, from September 24, 1878, to August 18, 1882. On August 19, 1882, he accepted an appointment as second lieutenant, 2d Infantry; was promoted first lieutenant, 5th Infantry, February 20, 1891; transferred to 2d Infantry July 20, 1891; promoted captain of infantry July 1, 1898, and assigned to the 2d Infantry January 1, 1890. Capt. Wilson was appointed commissary of his regiment November 3, 1904, under which appointment he was serving at the time of his death.

The Logan Arrives at Manila.

PLANS ARE COMPLETE A PLEA FOR FREER COLLECTION. It Should Have Been Promptly Accepted at the First Offer.

To the Editor of The Star: All lovers of oriental art deeply appreciate President Roosevelt's decided stand in the matter of accepting the Freer collection of paintings, etchings and art objects for the nation. It has seemed incredible that the Smithsonian regents had not promptly pursued Mr. Freer and secured a definitely signed deed or compact at the first suggestion or promise of such a gift months ago. Should these regents by any action, or want of action, permit such a collection of treasures to be lost to Washington, the Smithsonian could then be termed an institution for the suppression of knowledge. Only M. de Pobedonostieff would be eligible

to sit with such reactionaries.

President Roosevelt is the first to lay tress upon the most unique and important features of this great collection, i. e., the Chinese and Japanese paintings. No other collection in Europe or America now equals this of Mr. Freer, no single owner or temple in Japan can rival him in the treasurent ple in Japan can rival him in the treasurent statement of resistance and sevens which he nosof paintings and screens which he pos-sesses. This most critical and exacting collector has searched both the east and the west, and at the dispersal of any great oriental collection for many years Mr. Freer has been the most omnivorous, relentless and reckless bidder for the objects which he desired. In this way has he acquired a greater and more important collec-tion than the British Museum or the Boston Museum of Fine Arts possesses. Sir Richard Wallace's legacy to London,

the Musee Cernuschi, and the Musee d'Ennery in Paris, several similar national gifts at The Hague and Vienna, have furnished those capitals with unique attractions. It seems impossible to believe that, Washington being without any national gallery or museum of art, the regents of the Smithsonian should not strain every nerve, exhaust appropriate induce an American haust every argument to induce an American collector to leave his treasures in their care for the whole people to profitably en-joy. The Freer museum, moreover, would be a worthy memorial to James Whistler, who stands as the first translator and adapter of oriental art to occidental eyes and minds—a historic figure for all time.

President Roosevelt has given the Smithsonian regents a severe reminder of their first duty in himself suggesting the names first duty in himself suggesting the name of two universally recognized connoisseurs who should be asked to visit the collection In Detroit and formally report for the en-lightenment of the regents. The visit of a committee of learned scientists to Detroit last spring to pass upon the importance of Mr. Freer's art treasures was hardly in keeping with the seriousness of his offer and his request for a committee of experts to inspect his collection. With Dr. Sturgis Bigelow and Mr. John La Farge might be joined that New York captain of industry whose roomful of Rembrandts is well known to the world, yet who possesses some thirty-odd Chinese paintings that he considers worthy to hang beside the Rem-

Besides President Roosevelt's vigorous ac tion, the community must gratefully ac-knowledge the continuous efforts which The Evening Star has made to secure the Freer collection for the national capital. ELIZA RUHAMAH SCIDMORE.

THREE GREAT PROBLEMS.

The American Farmers Concern With the Soil.

The soil survey of the Department of Agriculture has mapped 15,752,320 acres of land during the past fiscal year, according to the annual report of the soils bureau. Surveys were made in twenty-eight states. The maps show the different kinds of soil which occur in each area. Rhode Island is the first state in the Union of which a complete survey has been made. The report says that the work during the past eight years shows the three great agricultural problems now are: First, the western farmer is now chiefly concerned with the presence of alkali and its removal or control; second, the eastern farmer is chiefly concerned with the study of the adaptation of the proper crop to the proper soil, and third, with the maintenance or restoration

of soil fertility. The tobacco investigations of the bureau have been extended. "In Texas co-opera-tive experiments have been carried on with the farmers," the report adds. "with the result that new varieties of filler tobacco are being grown, that sell for from 28 to 40 cents per pound, with an average price of 30 cents." In this manner a new industry is being developed in a region where the staple crop—cotton—is being seriously threatened by the ravages of the boll wee vii. In the Connecticut valley work on the production of a high-grade of wrapper tobacco, grown under cloth tents, has

continued. In Ohio the new method of "bulk" fer-mentation has been thoroughly introduced, and has resulted in the saving of thou-sands of dollars to the tobacco producers of the state. In Virginia the improvement of the plug wrapper tobaccos has been un-dertaken through better methods of prointroduced by the bureau of soils profits have been increased from \$5 per acre under the old system to nearly \$30 per acre under the new system.

Among the Pleasure Craft.

The launches Margaret B., Trixie and Grace of the local fleet of pleasure craft are among the boats hauled out on the marine railway at Dean's boatyard at Alexandria to be berthed there for the winter and to be overhauled before the opening of the next boating season.

The steam launch Ruby has been taken from the water at the private boat house at the foot of 9th street and will lay there for the winter. She, too, will be given an overhauling before the opening of the next season on the river.

The schooner-yacht Sicona is out on the

marine railway at Bennett's boatyard to be altered in order to be fitted with a larger and more powerful auxiliary engine She will, it is understood, be ready for service by the end of the year. changes made in her are expected to make her more fit for cruising purposes.

The schooner-yacht Mist is still lying at anchor at the yacht anchorage in the har-bor at the foot of 19th street, and is one of the few pleasure boats still left swinging at their anchors in the harbor. She will, it is understood, be berthed at one of the local boatyards for the winter.

Three Killed by Dynamite.

John H. Grinstead and Kenton Atwell were killed and Joseph Patrick was badly injured Monday night at the home of Grinstead, near Cedar Bluff, Va., by the explosion of twelve sticks of dynamite, which they were preparing for a Christmas fusillade. The sticks were frozen, and they were laid in front of the fire to thaw them out. The explosion demolished the house and set the debris on fire, cremating th his being blown through the window. Grin thus escaped. Atwell was a single man

Poisoned Candy Sent Popular Girl. Miss Elsie Smith, who was "Queen Titania," in the Albany, N. Y., hallowe'en carnival of 1904, reported yesterday to the police that she received through the mail Monday a box of candy containing po'son. The chocolate drops in the box had been opened and the poison spread within. A druggist, who analyized the contents declares that the candy contained enough paris green and other poisons to kill the whole family. Miss Smith professes entire ignorance of any one who would des're to injure her, but believes the poison was sent by a girl. The police and post office authorities are investigating.

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Question of Prohibition in New State of Oklahoma.

PRESIDENT'S ATTITUDE

WORK OF "BOOTLEGGERS" IN DE-BAUCHING THE INDIANS.

Great Pressure to Restore the Army Canteen-Senator Smoot's Declaration-W. C. T. U. Petition.

While President Roosevelt took no action on the request of the leading brewers of the United States that if the wise men of the country deemed it necessary to prohibit the sale of intoxicants to the Indians in the new state of Oklahoma, the prohibition be not extended to beer and other drinks containing less than 41/2 per cent of alcohol, he did give partial recognition in his annual message to the arguments of the brewers that prohibition would be ineffective. As a result of the petition presented to the President by the brewers, advancing some most interesting arguments, the White House has received many letters suggesting different courses of action on the question of prohibition in the proposed new state.

The petition of the brewers was submitted to the President early in November, and in his annual message to Congress three weeks afterward he referred to the illicit sale of Houor among the Indians and stated. "I would urgently press upon the attention of Congress the question whether some amendment of the internal revenue laws amendment of the internal revenue laws might not be of aid in prosecuting those malefactors known in the Indian country as 'boot-leggers,' who are engaged at ence in defrauding the United States treasury of taxes and, what is more important, in debauching the Indians by carrying liquors illicitly into territory still completely uncer federal jurisdiction."

The "Bootleggers."

The nefarious work of the "bootleggers" n the Indian Territory has long been a menace to the Indians, and it was this fact that produced one of the best arguments of the brewers. They asserted that the Indians were now getting the meanest and vilest grades of whisky, while if they were per-mitted to purchase the light drinks like beer they would not debase themselves by illicit connection with the bootleggers, who carry their supplies around in copiously made legs The House committee on territories is now

at work hearing arguments on whether a prohibition provision shall be incorporated in the bill admitting Oklahoma to statehood. The sentiment among the people of the ter-The sentiment among the people of the territories is much divided. Capt. Frank Frantz, Tams Bixby, who has been assoin the Indian Teritory has long been a menciated with Indian work in the west for many years; Delegate Maguire of Oklahoma, the national committeeman of Oklahoma and the Indian Territory, and most of the politicians are set against the bill touching upon the prohibition question in any ing upon the prohibition question in any form, advocating the reference of the matter to the people, who, they declare, understand the needs of the Indians living among them as well as the general government. The prohibitionists, on the other hand, are making a fight for the incorporation of prohibition now, not being contented to leave the people of the new state to settle it

It is said by those familiar with the work posed to requiring prohibition in the new state, the contention being that it would be unconstitutional and would not be regarded by the new state, but there is so entiment in favor of the insertion of a clause forbidding the sale of intoxicants to Indians of the new state, this being based upon the fact that the treaties with the Indians for many years have recognized the importance of preventing the sale of whisky among them. There has been some talk of presenting a provision prohibiting the sale to the Indians of drinks or beverages of any kind containing above a certain percentage of alcohol, this being in line with the contention of the brewers that the Indian would be a better citizen if he were allowed the light drinks and forbidden the

strong ones. The Canteen Fight.

There has been no opportunity to sound the President as to what he would do about a statehood bill containing provisions he did not believe in, and so far his ideas as to a prohibition provision in the statehood bill are not known. The President has also withheld an expression of his views as to the restoration of the canteen in the army. A good many of his callers have voiced their opinions. Senator Reed Smoot of Utah a short time ago declared his intention to vote for the restoration of the can-teen in the army. "I am a temperance man myself." he said, "but when practically every officer in the United States army de-clares that the soldier is morally degenerating by reason of the abolition of post canteens, I am compelled to accept what they say in preference to the theories of those who have had no actual experience with the soldier.

Representative Hull of Iowa, chairman of the House committee on military affairs, does not believe that Congress will, at this session, restore the sale of beer army canteen, as urged by army officers. He thinks Congress will be slow in facing the aggregate petitions of the prohibition-ists and W. C. T. U. of the country. The brewers are said not to be taking any part in the fight for the canteen, believing that it is a contest between the officers of the army and the W. C. T. U., and that the army will eventually win. The brewers do, however, make the accusation in papers friendly to them that there is an unholy unintentional alliance between the W. C. U. and the whisky distillers and wholesale people of the country against restoring the canteen. The brewers say that the sale of beer in the canteen causes an immense diminution in the sale of whisky in saloons situated on the outskirts of army posts, and fore the whisky interests oppose the restoration of the canteen, quietly lending their help to the work of the W. C. T. U. It is declared there will be some great fighting on prohibition and the canteen before Congress closes its present session.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE ECLIPSE. Admiral Chester Says the Observations Were Most Important.

Rear Admiral C. M. Chester, the super-

intendent of the Naval Observatory, who went to the Mediterranean last summer as the representative of the observatory to witness the August eclipse of the sun, returned to Washington last night. He said that while many good photographs of the eclipse had been obtained the real results of the observations will not be known until these photographs are thoroughly studied. It will be two or three months before much can be known about what discoveries have been made, said the admiral, and it will be several years before the full results can be published. Continuing, the admiral said:
"This observation should be by far the most fruitful of any in astronomical history. We are particularly hopeful that it will throw light upon the natures of the will throw light upon the natures of the corona, which plays out into space, with rapidly changing shapes, for several times the sun's diameter. So far we are able to study the corona only during an eclipse. We may expect some entirely new discoveries, which will raise new questions and open new fields for further investigation. That has been a result of every modern actings observation.

That has been a result of every modern eclipse observation.

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the various prominences and radiations. Their story it will, of course, take longest to read, for every spectrum line must be counted and compared."

Troops Going to the Philippines. The military secretary is advised that the eadquarters, band and 1st Battallon, 24th Infantry (14 officers and 225 enlisted men), and the 3d Battalion, 24th Infantry (12 oficers and 242 enlisted men), have left Forts Harrison and Missoula, Mont., respectively, for San Francisco, en route for the Phil-

ippine Islands.

The military secretary is also advised that the 2d Battalion, 7th Infantry (9 officers and 184 enlisted men), have arrived at Fort Missoula, Mont., for station.

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